

~~CLAIMS~~  
I claim

1. Covering panel, particularly for a floor, characterized in that it comprises a plurality of tiles (2) individually attached to a supporting plate (3) having the dimensions of the panel, and juxtaposed on the latter in such a way that when aligned in the same plane, the adjacent tiles (2) are in contact with one another along their edges (5), and in that the supporting plate (3) is made of a flexible material that is elastically compressible in the direction of its thickness.

2. Panel according to claim 1, characterized in that the tiles (2) are attached on the supporting plate (3) in such a way that their edges (5) are aligned.

3. Panel according to ~~either of claims 1 or 2~~, characterized in that a tile (2) comprises an upper covering plate (8) and at least one lower rigid supporting plate (9), made of a material with high flexural strength and on which the upper plate is attached.

4. Panel according to claim 3, characterized in that a covering plate (8) is a plate with low flexural strength, such as a plate of parquet, tile, stone, marble or the like.

5. Panel according to ~~either of claims 3 or 4~~, characterized in that the lower supporting plate (9) of a tile (2) is a plate such as a plate of sheet metal, stainless steel, wood, wood composite or another composite material.

6. Panel according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the supporting plate (3) is advantageously a plate made of foam, cork or the like.

7. Panel according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~,

characterized in that the tiles (2) are attached on the flexible supporting plate (3) by adhesive bonding or the like.

8. Panel according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the individual mounting of the tiles (2) on the flexible supporting plate (3), and the compressibility of the latter, constitute means of compensating for irregularities or flatness defects of the surface (12) on which the panels (1) are laid.

9. Panel according to ~~any of claims 1 through 8~~, characterized in that the supporting plate is flexible so as to allow the panel to fold along the lines of alignment of the edges of the tiles.

10. Panel according to ~~any of claims 1 through 9~~, characterized in that it constitutes an assembly that is rigid in the approximately flat state against the forces acting on the top surface of the panel.

11. Panel according to ~~any of claims 3 through 11~~, characterized in that a tile comprises an upper covering plate (8) disposed on a rigid plate (9).

12. Panel according to ~~any of claims 3 through 10~~, characterized in that a tile (14) is formed by a strip of covering extending parallel to one edge of the panel (1) and whose length corresponds to the length of said edge, and attached on several rigid plates (9) juxtaposed in the direction of the length of the strip on the supporting plate (3), several strips being juxtaposed on the supporting plate (3).

13. Covering, particularly for a floor, characterized in that it is formed by the contiguous juxtaposition of panels (1) according to ~~any of claims 1 through 12~~ on a laying surface (12).